

Post Shorts

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for July 9, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



TRAFFIC ALERT

For Traffic Alert info

For the most recent traffic alert information, visit the APG News Web site, www.apgnews.apg.army.mil, and click on the Traffic Alert icon below the weather posting. Maps that indicate traffic pattern changes and locations will soon be posted.

This information is also available at the APG 2012 Web site, <http://apg2012.apg.army.mil>.

Reduced gate hours for holiday weekend

There will be reduced gate operations at Aberdeen Proving Ground for the 4th of July holiday.

On Thursday, July 3, the Harford Gate (Route 22) in the Aberdeen Area will close at 10 p.m. and the Wise Road Gate in the Edgewood Area will close at 8 p.m.

Both gates will reopen at 4 a.m., Monday, July 7.

The Maryland Gate in the Aberdeen Area and the Route 24 Gate in the Edgewood Area will be open throughout the holiday period.

APG officials to participate in holiday parade

Command leadership will participate in the Havre De Grace parade July 5, which begins at 2 p.m.

Noise alert

The U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center will conduct several large detonations through July 11, which are likely to generate sound and/or vibration outside the installation boundaries.

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Collyar becomes 35th chief of Ordnance



Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar, left, 35th chief of Ordnance, accepts the ordnance command colors from Lt. Gen. David P. Valcourt, deputy commanding general and chief of staff, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, as former chief Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halsted looks on. See page 2 for more photos.

Story and photos by
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In a colorful, spirited June 26 ceremony on Ordnance Circle, Brig. Gen. Lynn A. Collyar became the U.S. Army's 35th chief of Ordnance.

Collyar assumed command from Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead, the first female graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to become a general officer and the first female chief of Ordnance. Halstead retired June 27 in ceremonies at West Point after 27 years of service to the nation.

Lt. Gen. David P. Valcourt, deputy commanding general and chief of staff for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, officiated the change of command ceremony, passing the ordnance colors from Halstead to Collyar.

Retired Gen. John Coburn, one of several former chiefs of Ordnance in attendance and the honorary commander of the Ordnance Regiment, passed Collyar the Regimental crest from Halstead to be worn on his uniform.

Collyar comes to Aberdeen Proving Ground from

command of the Defense Distribution Center, Defense Logistic Agency, in New Cumberland, Pa.

"I can think of no other position I would rather have than becoming the next chief of Ordnance," Collyar said to the 300 attendees.

"I first came to APG in 1979 for the officer basic course. And if you'd have known me then you'd never think I'd be coming back in this capacity," he added.

Collyar is married to Col. Sarah Green, a staff judge advocate in the Washington area. His hobbies include golf, triathlons, other sports and collecting marbles.

In retirement, Halstead plans to split time between her ranch in Troy, Va., and her camp in New York.

"I'm taking four months off to live up at the camp, down at the ranch, and take a six-week road trip across the country, to see the country that I served for the last twenty-seven years. I'm really looking forward to that," she said in an earlier interview.

Valcourt was glowing in his praise for Halstead.

"The Army is losing a tremendous officer, but more than that, we're losing a great leader, a great American," he said.

TRAFFIC ALERT

More traffic changes on Maryland Boulevard

Story by
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The next phase of the Maryland Boulevard gate construction will begin soon.

Currently, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company is nearing completion of their gas line relocation work, and Universal Safety Response, the active barrier construction subcontractor for Facchina Construction, is also nearing completion of the outbound active barrier installation. Once these two activities are completed, Maryland Boulevard traffic will be detoured to two way traffic using the outbound or westbound lanes. The detour for inbound traffic will occur just past the inbound serpentine and outbound traffic will be detoured into a single lane at the approach to the Bush River/Deer Creek Loop traffic signal.

In conjunction with this change, the speed limit of the inbound traffic lane approaching the Bush River/Deer Creek Loop intersection will be lowered to 20 mph. Drivers are cautioned that even lower speeds may be necessary due to varying traffic conditions at the intersection.

The exact date of this next traffic change depends on the actual completion of the above work, but it is anticipated to occur sometime during the week of July 7.

This traffic pattern will remain in effect until the completion of the construction.

The plan is for a December completion; however, the remaining work is extremely weather dependant.

Watch for e-mails or click the APG Traffic Alerts icon on the APG Web site home page for the latest information on this change.

As always, drivers are asked to be alert to changing conditions and practice safe driving and courtesy to keep everyone safe.

Be alert to construction in Edgewood Area

DLES

On June 23 the Maryland State Highway Administration closed MD Route 755 (Edgewood Road) from the intersection of MD Route 24 to the intersection of Willoughby Beach Road in order to repair drain culverts and repair the road surface. This work is expected to last for at least the next two months.

Detour signs are posted on MD Route 24 directing traffic from MD Route 24 to Trimble/Willoughby Beach Road and then Edgewood Road for entrance and exit onto the Edgewood Area of APG via the Wise/Edgewood Road Gate. The Route 24 Gate and the Wise Road Gate are both operational.

Additionally, renovation construction to the Magnolia Gate will begin on or about July 1. It is not possible to open the Magnolia Gate during this construction. Employees of the Edgewood Area should plan for traffic delays on MD Route 24 and adjust their arrival and departure times accordingly.

Garrison deputy talks APG 2012 at AUSA luncheon

Story and photo by
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The deputy to the Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison commander was the guest speaker at the monthly Association of the United States Army meeting at the Clarion Hotel in Aberdeen June 11.

Mary Jane Jernigan, president of the AUSA Chesapeake Chapter hosted the meeting. Dave Shaffer, the former deputy to the commander of the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command who retired in January introduced Tim McNamara, APG garrison deputy. Shaffer is the director of Analysis and Evaluation at ManTech SRS Technologies Inc. in Bel Air.

Military guests included the 61st Ordnance Brigade color guard, consisting of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion's Sgt. 1st Class Clifton Thornton and Staff Sgts.

Herbert Lake, Gary Stone and Jim Blackett who posted and retired the colors.

In addition, Pfc. Andrew Ackers, Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, sang the national anthem and Garrison Chaplain (Col.) Ruben Colon gave the opening prayer.

Shaffer introduced McNamara as a man, who with 25 years at APG "spent most of it taking care of installation business."

McNamara talked about the balance and synergy of APG missions calling them all "still very much involved in research and development, testing and training with nearly seventy tenants; all with their own command channels."

He explained that while base realignment and closure is only part of the APG Transformation it involves many visible changes especially with the loss of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools
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APG welcomes new housing partner, Picerne Military Housing

Story by
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AberdeenProvingGround leaders met and exchanged ideas with the installation's new housing partner during a meeting at the Marriott Courtyard and Residence Inn in Aberdeen June 26.

In May, the Department of the Army selected Picerne Military Housing to develop a Community Development and Man-

agement Plan for the installation as part of the Residential Communities Initiative program.

Under RCI the Army engages with private sector firms in public-private partnerships to manage, construct, renovate, maintain and operate Family housing. The RCI program is a critical part of the Army plan to alleviate housing shortages, rapidly improve the condition of existing

housing and sustain quality communities over the next 50 years.

John G. Picerne, chief executive officer, said that the company was the "best partner" for APG due to its longevity, flexibility, reliability and stability. He cited the company's history of successful military alliances with installations like Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Polk, La., and at Fort

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RDECOM deputy CG promoted to BG



Photo by AMBER SOWARDS, RDECOM
Brig. Gen. Peter Nelson Fuller, center, is all smiles as his wife Jane and Gen. Benjamin A. Griffin, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command, place his new rank on his epaulets June 20. A 28-year Army veteran, Fuller is the deputy commanding general for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command.